GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Establishment – Forest Department – The Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Services Training Rules, 2012 – Amendment – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 17 Dated: 09-07-2020.

Read the following:-

1) G.O.Ms.No.5, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.V) Department, dated 27.01.2012.
2) Representation of Andhra Pradesh Junior Forest Officers' Association, Amaravati, Rc.No.47/APJFOA/2017, dated 30.10.2017.
3) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh Letter Rc.No.15002/2015/HR-2, dated 18.01.2018.
4) Letter No.337/Sec.V/2018-1, dated 23.03.2018 of Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department.
5) From the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Lr.No.226/RR/2018, dated 24.04.2018.
6) Memo.No.337/Sec.V/2018-2, dated 03.05.2018 of Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department.
7) From the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur, Letter Rc.No.15002/2015/WLR, dated 23.09.2019.
8) Letter No.337/Sec.V/2018-9, dated 13.02.2020 of Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department.
9) From the Additional Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Lr.No.226/RR/2018, dated 22.06.2020.

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ORDER:

In the G.O. first read above, Government have issued "The Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Services Training Rules, 2012". According to Rule 14 of the said Rules, the period of training for Forest Beat Officer shall be six (6) months and the Training Session is from the 1st October to the 31st March for the 1st batch and from the 1st April to the 30th September for the 2nd batch. For Forest Section Officers, the period of training shall be one (1) year and the Training Session shall be from the 1st October to the 30th September.

2. In the letters third and seventh read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has stated that the Forest Beat Officers have to undergo induction training for a period of six (6) months and then put in minimum service of 8 – 10 years before being promoted as Forest Section Officers. Since the rules specifically do not speak about training Forest Beat Officers as Forest Section Officers, they are also being deputed to undergo training for twelve (12) months. In addition to training expenses, the Forest Section Officers have to be paid full salary and the corresponding sections have to be kept vacant for twelve (12) months during their training period. Since the Promotee Forest Section Officers have already undergone Induction Training for a period of six (6) months as Forest Beat Officers and put in minimum 8 – 10 years of service before being promoted as Forest Section Officer, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh has proposed to condense the period of training in respect of the Forest Section Officers who are promoted from the cadre of Forest Beat Officers to six (6) months from 12 months, as it can be justified that after completion of the Forest Beat Officer Training for a period of six (6) months, the individuals can get hands on experience while working and further, during the Forest Section Officer

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Training, they have to pursue the same subjects on which they were already taught during the Forest Beat Officer Training and requested to amend Rule 14 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Services Training Rules, 2012, prescribing the duration of Training for six (6) months for the Forest Section Officers who are promoted from the category of Forest Beat Officers, in view of the fact that the subject dealt under Forest Beat Officer and Forest Section Officer trainings are same to some extent and the Trainee Forest Section Officers have to undergo training on the same subjects covered during Forest Beat Officers Training besides some new subjects and the Training Schedule will be as follows:-

1st Batch	From October to 31st March
2nd Batch	From 1st April to 30th September

There will be no change in the syllabus as prescribed in G.O.Ms.No.5, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.V) Department, dated 27.01.2012.

3. The training period of twelve (12) months in respect of the Forest Section Officers appointed on Direct Recruitment and on conversion from the cadre of Junior Assistant of Circle / Division Offices will remain the same.

4. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, have decided to amend the Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Services Training Rules, 2012, as proposed by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh in the letters third and seventh read above.

5. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in an Extra-Ordinary issue of Andhra Pradesh Gazette, dated 09.07.2020:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of India and of all other powers hereunto enabling the Governor of Andhra Pradesh, hereby makes the following amendment to the Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Services Training Rules, 2012, issued in G.O.Ms.No.5, Environment, Forests, Science & Technology (For.V) Department, dated 27th January, 2012, as amended from time to time:-

AMENDMENT

In the said rules,

For rule 14 of the Andhra Pradesh Forest Subordinate Services Training Rules, 2012, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

"14. **Training Duration:** The period of training for the Forest Beat Officers shall be six (6) months and for Direct Recruit Forest Section Officers shall be twelve (12) months. In case of Forest Section Officers who are promoted from the category of Forest Beat Officers and who had already undergone training for a period of six (6) months in that category have to undergo training for a period of six (6) months. The training sessions shall be as follows:-

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(a)	Forest Beat Officers	1st Batch 1st October to 31st March	Six (6) months
		2nd Batch 1st April to 30th September	Six (6) months
(b)	Forest Section Officers (Direct Recruitees / Convertees)	1st October to 30th September	Twelve (12) months.
(c)	Forest Section Officers (Promoted from Forest Beat Officers)	1st Batch 1st October to 31st March	Six (6) months
		2nd Batch 1st April to 30th September	Six (6) months"

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

NEERABH KUMAR PRASAD
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing and Stationery, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
(with a request to publish the Notification and furnish 20 copies for record).
The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
Copy to:-
The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Public Service Commission, Vijayawada.
The Law (G) Department.

// FORWARDED:: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER